

**Sen. Lito Lapid plans run for Pampanga gov with Bong Pineda son**

**'Yum factor' hijacks overeaters' brains**

WASHINGTON—FOOD hijacked Dr. David Kessler's brain. Not apples or carrots. The scientist who coined the United States government's attack on additive-laden soft drinks.

PLAY FACTOR: An



**PDI JOB FAIR: Day 2 at TriNoma**

**House ethics committee junks case vs JDV**

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**SWISS HOME** Audin shows in the middle of Andrea Nottor in his arrival at the Plaza on Tuesday to board his plane for Geneva, Switzerland, via Hong Kong. The international food truck worker was in the hands of the Abu Sayyaf for 14 months. He was "bought" last Friday night.

JOYCE MONTANO

**Swiss tells how he escaped Abu by following stars**

By Jerome Rasing and John Aldeja  
Inquirer Staff Writer

**PHOTOGRAPH BY ANDREA NOTTOR** few hours to Switzerland with a heavy heart last night—leaving behind a story that gave us a peek into the agony of how he was rescued from his captors after three months of captivity.

He said he escaped from Abu Sayyaf captivity in the jungle by following the stars. In a text message he sent to friends while still in Zamboanga—before leaving for Manila, where he took a plane bound for Hong Kong—Nottor indicated that among his last thoughts were about his aging Italian wife, Eugenia Nottor, who remains in the Philippines.

"Dear all, due to the special situation

SWISS TRUCK

# SC increases House party-list reps to 55



**CHECKER JOB** Retired Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan would not go to job fairs.

**It's Subic or House post for Palparan**

By Tereza Ojeda  
Inquirer General Editor

**RETIRED ARMY MAJ. GEN. Jovito Palparan Jr.** will have to choose between two jobs. Palparan has been appointed by President Macapagal-Arroyo director of Proportional Services Corp. (PSC), a subsidiary of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

SBMA Chair Feliciano Solano on Tuesday said the SBMA board had confirmed the President's wish to appoint Palparan, 57, as PSC director.

But he is set to become a congressman, too. If he so chooses, a result of a Supreme Court ruling directing the Commission on Elections to allow 38 additional

## Justices junk Panganiban formula

By Vincent Carabosa, Inquirer Members Editor

**BAGUIO CITY—THE SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY increased to 55 the number of seats in the House of Representatives for party-list groups when it ordered the Commission on Elections to follow a new formula for allotting party-list seats.**

There are currently 32 seats in the 14th Congress occupied by 18 party-list groups.

The ruling, which is effective immediately, is expected to pave the way for retired Army Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan Jr. to become a member of the House.

(See story on this page.)

Writing unanimously, the high court declared unconstitutional the threshold which the Commission had used to cap the allocation for party-list seats in the House.

Following the Party-List System Act

of 1996, or Republic Act No. 7941, and the Panganiban formula, the Commission said only party-list organizations garnering at least 2 percent of the total votes cast nationwide for the party-list system shall be entitled to one seat each.

The critical, citing its basis, introduced a law. Kautisa after consulting that the threshold used by the Commission "makes it mathematically impossible" to distribute the additional seats won by leading party-list groups "when the number of available seats exceeds 50."

[The 2-percent threshold followed by the Commission appears to be based

SC INCREASES 33

## Second autopsy points to suicide; cop disagrees

By Julie M. Asuncion  
and Nancy C. Cornejo

**A FORENSIC EXPERT FROM the University of the Philippines who conducted a second autopsy on the body of broadway said the victim's wife yesterday said the gunshot wound on her head indicated a suicide.**

Dr. Ruppel Peralta told reporters at the Arlington Memorial Chapel in Quezon City that there was no "bullet" in the "brain" of the victim's wife.

"It was clear, unequivocal and very quick," said Gonzalez.



**RIGHT TO LIFE** Dr. Ruppel Peralta, the family's forensic expert, examines the body of the victim's wife. (Inquirer photo)

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SC INCREASES 33

## Permanent Plans closes preneed biz permanently

By Denis C. Dumala

**ANOTHER PRENEED COMPANY, Permanent Plans (Perma-plans), has shut its doors from the Securities and Exchange Commission.**

But Permanent Plans yesterday said that the SEC decision to suspend its license was no longer necessary because it had decided not to sell more plans given the turbulent financial environment.

The SEC announced on Monday that the suspension of the Securities and Exchange Commission's preneed industry that it had revoked the license of Perma-plans to sell preneed plans because of a deficiency in its trust fund.

Perma-plans president Juan Miguel Vangos said that his company had already informed the SEC of its intention to stop selling new preneed plans.

Perma-plans also said that it was not a preneed company but a financial services company that provides insurance and investment services.

PERMANENT PLANS

## Furor over 4th Cha-cha mode; 5th, stirs laughter

By Christine O. Arendato,  
Gl C. Calacangan Jr.  
and Lito B. Salazar

**SPEAKER PROSPERO Nolasco may just be dancing.**

A bipartisan opposition

group greeted Nolasco's proposal Monday to short-circuit usual norms and amend the economic provisions of the Constitution just like any other bill requiring a simple majority to pass.

Macapagal Security Adviser

Roberto Gonzalez proposed another mode to amend the Constitution: a "Copy-style" constitutional commission.

Gonzalez argued that the constitutional commission created by President Corason C. Aquino

in the early months of his "transitional government" following the ouster of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 could only be used to revise the Charter.

"It was cheap, unorthodox and very quick," said Gonzalez.

Press Secretary George B. Soriano and Cabinet Secretary Silvestre Belis III laughed aloud when asked for comment.

"With all due respect, that statement of Secretary Gonzalez is

FUROR: A3

## Jun Lozada to be arrested for perjury

By Dora Z. Paribabayan

**AN ARREST WARRANT FOR perjury is expected to be issued as early this week to the man who blew the whistle on the purported bribery and conspiracy in the aborted \$720-million National Broadband Network (NBN) deal between the Philippine government and China's CTC Corp.**

The Manila Regional Trial Court (RTC Branch 13) issued a warrant dated March 19 upholding the perjury charge filed against Rodolfo "Jun" Lozada Jr. by Senator Marikina official Michael Defensor.

JUN LOZADA: A3

## Mother Nature's RP lawyer hailed



By Ms. Cora F. Deyo

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYER Antonio Oposa Jr., he of coral and fishy advocacy for Mother Nature, is this year's recipient of the Environmental Law Award (ELA) 2007 from the US-based Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL).** He is the first Asian and Filipino to win the award.

Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations and former Chief Justice Mariano Delgado was expected to attend the ceremony to be held Tuesday (Tuesday, Manila time) in Washington, D.C.

The award "recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the environment."

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## 'NOT A PRETTY SIGHT' Warring senators declare ceasefire

By Michael Lin Ubas

**WORDS HAVE BEEN HEARD, SENATORS HAVE BEEN HEARD, SENATORS HAVE BEEN HEARD.**

As potential conflict heads to the Senate, the Senate caucus yesterday declared a ceasefire following Monday's heated exchange on the floor between Senators Manny Villar and Pardo-Lorenzo.

Senate President Juan Pardo-Lorenzo and Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri said that the parliamentarians agreed to maintain the status quo, although Villar scolded the caucus attended by 14 senators.

"They were required to give their suggestions on Monday. No more statements during an 'early side,' said Zubiri, emerging from the caucus.

Zubiri said that the Senate minority led by Aquilino Pimentel Jr. was given until Monday to submit a position paper at the continuation of the caucus.

Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano said that the paper would list the minority's objections to the Senate ethics committee's investigation that Villar's real estate empire had benefited from

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# The audacity of hope for Palestine

SINGAPORE—THE WORLD MUST BE DEVELOPED in a heavy cloud of gloom and doubt that the future will be a barren wasteland of oil, salt, and computer-will. But the biggest danger of all is a sense of hopelessness. Perceiving the situation as such, some large and powerful nations, including the United States, are not even better equipped to provide for the world's future.

Many people around the world, especially in the West, are not aware of the fact that the world's future is beyond salvation. Instead, others have been made aware of the future. On Oct. 10, 1993, I had the honor to be invited to an annual conference of the United Nations, where I was asked to give a presentation on the future of the world. I was asked to give a presentation on the future of the world. I was asked to give a presentation on the future of the world.

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## World View

Endorse Netanyahu

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# Digital scandals

LAST YEAR I WAS COMMISSIONED BY AN INTERNATIONAL group, the TransAsia Policy Watch, to do a paper on "Security in a High Tech World" as part of a global exchange about "Security and Innovation." High tech risks mean high technological risks, including cyberattacks, MFI piracy, digital cloning and so on.

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## One man's life in politics

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# OPINION



## 'Faces' of disrespect here, there, all over

WHEN MARIANO SHOWS UP LATE for an appointment on "Pinoy Time," that should be time for respect for your time.

When the sidewalk is reserved for

workers and parked cars, that means that time is respect for productivity.

When a city planner sees a long line and simply says it's not possible to do less, that means he has time respect for you.

When poverty steps in the middle of the road to limit and inhibit passengers, that means the driver has no respect for the other passengers.

Corruption in the Philippines is

increasing; however, we watch our parents. The first rule of respect may not be to...

—**ELMER NINA**,  
1250 Gen. Santos Ave.,  
Bulbake, Angeles City

## Meralco pension issue long dead, rehearsed

ANALYSTS DO NOT CLARIFY THE ALLEGATIONS made by the Nippon Electric Index, which appeared in the April 16 issue of the *Business World*. Although we have adequately answered this issue, which Nippon had also brought up in the past, we feel that it is still in the best interests of all electricity consumers that we once again shed light on the matter.

We would like to note for the record that Meralco's pension issue is being closely monitored and controlled by the Energy Regulatory Commission. Meralco's pension plan is legal and properly issued. Meralco's commitment plan is part of the company's collective bargaining agreements with our unions and is duly certified by the Department of Labor and Employment. It is also registered with the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The company has already obtained pension benefits as a retirement benefit for our pension beneficiaries since Jan. 1, 2004 and onwards. For Nippon to claim that the pension fund increases power bills is, therefore, inaccurate and untrue.

The pension benefits of Meralco retirees are guaranteed only for a period of five years, as provided for under the collective bargaining agreements. However, after that period, the benefits do not suppose accrue to the dependents of the retirees upon the death of the retiree.

Electricity Nippon's statement that the legal basis of our policies before Congress is a conspiracy to cause a catastrophe. I feel that business organizations will see the compelling to ensure whatever issues we may have in the power industry. Instead, we should all be looking for ways, methods and realistic solutions to lowering power rates that will be in the end benefit all electricity consumers.

—**JOE B. DELAERREANO**,  
manager, Internal Communications,  
Meralco, Pasig City

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## Lapid eyes run with Bong Pineda son

### Pampanga voters advised: Be discerning

**CITY OF SAN FERNANDO**—SEN. MANUEL "LITO" Lapid on Tuesday confirmed his plan to make a political comeback as governor in his home province of Pampanga, revealing as well his plan to recruit Lufano Mayor Dennis Pineda as running mate in the 2010 elections.

Speaking through his spokesperson, Romel Cruz, Lapid said he was taking in Pineda in the Lufano-May 2010 election to prevent a three-cornered gubernatorial race in May 2010. Pineda is a son of respected "burese" Senator Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda and former House Member Lito Pineda.

Lapid, a movie actor who is set to campaign for his second term as senator in 2010, has kept his position in the presidential chair of Lufano where he finished his third consecutive term as governor in 2004.

#### Arroyo gobson

He was charged with plunder in a land deal that the provincial government entered into during his term as governor, but was later cleared.

Pineda, who is serving his third and last term as Lufano mayor, is a member of the Lufano Mayor's Office.

(Pampanga), a party founded by President Macapagal-Arroyo, his running mate.

Lapid said he did not want a repeat of a three-way fight that ensued in the 2007 elections. Back then, concerned Kapangpanenos pushed a Catholic priest, now Gov. Edilberto "Edillo," to challenge Lapid's son, Wab, and Pineda's son, Lito.

Cruz said the senator was "not looking a Lapid-Pineda candidate."

#### No Pineda

"Many think me (Lito) but they mean it, too," Cruz quoted Lapid saying. "We need to run together (they are my allies)."

This week, the gubernatorial contest is shaping up as a two-cornered fight among former Lapid, Mayor Pineda, Pampanga Rep. Jose Miguel Arroyo and City of San Fernando Mayor Gerardo "Gerry" Lapid.

Edillo has not joined in a reelection plan and has not yet

decided on whether he was continuing to be presidential or continuing the contest to run for president.

Pineda eyes to run again to continue the reform that Pineda started, including those in the collection of quarry taxes that ended in PAM rebellion in 2007.

With Lapid in the running, Pineda eyed Kapangpanenos to be "active in running."

"They should study how (Lapid) performed as a governor and as a senator," Pineda said.

Lapid did not say if his camp already decided the agreement of Mayor Pineda to run as the senator's candidate for governor.

#### Political vision

In a telephone interview, Mayor Pineda said he has not decided up his plan.

Lapid entered in the Senate after his failed candidacy as mayor of Manila City. He was, March, was later appointed by President Macapagal-Arroyo as governor of the Philippine National Bank.

Lapid is working up what some observers said was an impressive performance in the Senate. Senator Gervacio, Inspector General Lapid.



MANILA BUREAU—Lufano Mayor Dennis Pineda, Capitan where the wreckage of the Cebu-bound plane was found.

## Bodies of crash victims retrieved

**TUGUEGARAO CITY**—THE REMAINS of the seven victims of the April 2 wreck of an Lufano-bound plane were retrieved from the crash site to the assistance of Baguio, Capitan on Tuesday.

Police and military operations proceeded after a team that secured the crash site in Mt. San Diego in Baguio City Mayor in Baguio, cleared a path of forest to help experts conduct there to get the remains.

Chief Supt. Roberto Limon, Capitan Mayor police director and regional director coordinating council, said the remains, placed in body bags, were brought to the Tuguegarao City Airport at 6:40 a.m. by two heavy helicopters.

Killed in the crash were pilot Capt. Tomas Yano and Capt. Romeo Rito and their passengers, Senior Police Officer 3 Rudy Canales, Lufano Mayor, James Lufano, Lufano Mayor and Lufano Mayor. A great administrative find brought by the Lufano Mayor's Office were found by their relatives.

The plane, owned by General Aviation Corp., was missing after a look-off from the Tuguegarao airport at 5:55 a.m. on April 2. It last radio contact with air traffic controllers and did not reach Mountain, Lufano. The only would have taken at least 20 minutes.

The wreckage was found on April 14, at least two weeks after the plane was down. Police said the search for the plane was hampered by poor visibility and erratic weather in Baguio and Lufano.

On April 20, a Philippine Air Force helicopter left the Tuguegarao airport to drop supplies for rescue in the crash site. A second helicopter carried blankets, ropes and other equipment to prepare for the rescue operations. Volunteer Wings 2, Inspector Northern Coast.

## Another troubled bank shut, taken over by PDIC

**Cebu City**—THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORP. (PDIC) took over the operations of a branch of Asean Savings Bank Inc. (ASBI) here on Monday.

Mark Singsa, a member of the right arm of PDIC team from Manila, confirmed that the agency took over the bank as early as after all the bank's customers nationwide were put under its supervision as ordered by the Supreme Court in 2007.

The ROR on April 17, issued Monetary Board Resolution No. 355 placing Asean Savings Bank Inc. under PDIC supervision. The board decided to prohibit the bank from for their doing business and to place its assets and liabilities under PDIC supervision to assist in the country's banking system, according to ROR Deputy Governor Benito Singsa Jr., who issued a memorandum to all banks and other financial institutions.

Singsa said the PDIC team replaced the guards of the bank's closed all employees for repair, he said to help maintain bank records.

Singsa said depositors were advised to wait for the bank's reopening. Asean Savings Bank, Inspector Singsa.

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- Industrial wastes thrown into the waters pollute the Lake, resulting in the presence of heavy metals like mercury, cadmium, and arsenic that find their way into marine life, thereby adversely affecting public health and welfare.
- Domestic wastes generated by nearby communities pollute the waters of the Lake with the 6,300 tons of wastes per day or more than 2 million tons of wastes per year.
- The deterioration of the water quality of the Lake has diminished the presence of bangus and tilapia that used to flourish in the area due to the invasion of the janitor fish.
- The needs of the 18,000 fishermen and 76,000 families dependent on the Lake for subsistence and livelihood are compromised by the degraded environment. They must be given free access to reap the bounties of the Lake.
- The Laguna Lake clean up is also in keeping with the Supreme Court decision on 18 December 2008, that imposed a continuing mandamus on the DENR and other government agencies to rehabilitate and restore Manila Bay. Without the clean up of Laguna Lake, we cannot clean Manila Bay and Pasig River.

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- Secretary Jose L. Atienza, Jr. -



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# Shakey's V-League: FEU, Ateneo pull thru

# RP 5, North Stars out to show fangs

By Godofredo Sison

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (UP) and the Ateneo de Manila (Ateneo) pulled through their respective V-League games on Tuesday night.

The UP team pulled through their first win in the V-League, defeating the La Salle Greenhill (LSG) 3-0 in a closely contested match.

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By Henson B. Castillo

RECORDS—JACKING FROM THE PHILIPPINE V-League, the RP 5 and North Stars should have been the favorites to win the V-League.

Good will be the key players, the long time players in the RP 5 and the North Stars.

"We're not going to let the RP 5 win," North Stars coach Remy said before leaving for the city Monday night.

"We want to go out and win this and I am sure that the RP 5 will be the best team in the V-League," the North Stars coach added.

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# Celtics, Allen knot series

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**HERNANDEZ**—RP 5's Hernan Hernandez (left) and Allen (right) are the two teams that are the favorites to win the V-League.

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# Cruz, De Guzman whip Toby's rivals

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# Frigillana, Herrera power crack NCR tankers

By George Llanza, GMA 7

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By Brian Henson

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# CA denies Leviste's petition for bail

*NPD probing possible regrouping of robbery gangs*

**Bail not a sick pass, says court; state prosecutor welcomes ruling**

By Norman Bordado

He overruled with grave reason and for strong reasons, concluding that the accused had been to have continued by the trial court," they said. In January, Leviste was found guilty of killing his longtime

By Beverly T. Natividad

THE NORTHERN POLICE (NPD) is probing into the possibility that two criminal gangs which the police claim had been neutralized have regrouped. Chief Supt. Ismael Regalado Jr., NPD director, said yesterday that they were investigating a recent attempt to rob a supermarket in Malabon City which was carried out by men dressed in the Philippine National Police uniform, a light blue T-shirt with the word "Polo" (the first syllable of the word "Police") on the front.

"We're probing whether it is the same group or if this is a new one. We're working on that," said Regalado, referring to the

robbery. Wacky Wump (Wacky Wump) robbery gangs.

Several suspected members of the new groups were killed in an encounter in December with policemen in Pasay City, prompting authorities to announce that the gangs had been neutralized.

The two sub-groups were known for posing as policemen or soldiers whenever they carried out an operation. In the same time, Regalado warned the owners of commercial establishments, particularly security guards, not to let persons into their premises unless they are dressed in the proper police uniform and are carrying identification cards.

The leadership of the Philippine National Police, he said, has already tightened the rules on the wearing of police uniforms to prevent criminals from posing as lawmen.

Regalado said that only recently the PNP instructed members of Special Response and Tactical Units to wear their black T-shirts with SNIT markings only during operations.

"If they see they are policemen and you are wearing down or uniform other than the blue police uniform, then that should be a first giveaway to notify guards to be on their toes," he added.

Just before Holy Week, the men armed with high-powered

THE COURT OF APPEALS has denied the request of former Roxon-gas Gov. Jose Antonio Leviste to be released on bail pending the appeal of his conviction of homicide charges.

"We deny the application for bail," read the resolution passed by Justice Blarlin Velasco of the court's Third Division and concurred in by his colleagues Jose Reyes Jr. and Horacio Parro.

"It has been held that the decision to grant bail during the course of an appeal should

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## The World

Editor Lawrence B. Quinsig

## Iran leader sparks walkout at UN meet 2 ships fight off pirates

GENEVA—THE IRANIAN PRESIDENT HAD JUST started speaking at the United Nations meeting when two rainbow-wigged protesters stood, threw small red clown's noses at him and shouted "You are a racist!" and "Shame!" before being hustled away by security.

Underneath, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad launched into harsh criticism of Israel, calling it the "most cruel and racist regime."

The first session of Israel, Iran, U.S. Western diplomats

hustled because the Iranian government official to take the floor.

The United States decried the walkout by Ahmadinejad as "unjustified," comparing Iran's ties to a relationship that had been warming after President Barack Obama sought to engage Iran in talks on its nuclear program and other issues.

Ahmadinejad delivered a scolding, but his speech was cut by a two-minute silence



AHMADINEJAD

in honor of the victims of the Holocaust. At one point he appeared for a global unity to the fight against racism and then said the United States and Europe helped revivify himself at the World War II at the expense of the Holocaust.

"They resorted to military ap-

proach to make us realize our position between under the power of Jewish suffering," he said.

Jewish groups had initially hoped for a speech of the non-violence, warning it would demand less anti-Israel rhetoric, which marked the last such conference eight years ago in South Africa.

The meeting turned chaotic about the time when the two biggest protesters found the chairmen at Ahmadinejad as he began his speech with a Muslim prayer.

A Jewish group from France said it had been trying to convey "the message that this conference was not a Jewish event."

And the threat of the protesters, Ahmadinejad in-

terviewed "I call on all disreputable people to forget these ignorant people. They don't have enough self-control."

During his speech, he accused Israel of being the "most cruel and oppressive racist regime" and blamed the UN for racism of Iraq on a Zionist conspiracy.

In the first session of Israel, about 40 diplomats from Britain and France and other European Union countries called the room.

Most of his remarks were not new but their timing and high profile could complicate UN efforts to improve ties with Israel. Ahmadinejad, the UN Deputy Ambassador to the UN, dismissed what he called "the Ahmadinejad speech."

## 2 ships fight off pirates

SARAFI—SARAFI PRISONER in Sarafai prison for his role in the 2008 piracy attack on the Gulf of Aden, a Somali pirate captain fired a boat and launched his only after meeting a \$40,000 ransom from Somali businessmen.

The latest attack occurred at midday when pirate first then at a 100-meter ship, the Myanmar-flagged cargo ship, the MYV New Legend, was hit by Somali pirates. The ship was then taken to the Gulf of Aden, where it was held for ransom.

Two Namibians, one Canadian, the other Israeli, assembled helicopters in the Gulf of Aden, but the damage was reported to the cargo ship and the pirates were not.

In a separate piracy attack, pirates first sailed on the Maltese-flagged MYV Sarafai about 100 kilometers off Somalia's coast in the Gulf of Aden, said Lt. Cmdr Alexander James Petroski, a spokesman for the Kenyan navy.

Two boats with about 30 pirates each attacked the ship and one ship attempted to flee. The ship and another merchant ship escaped without damage or injury to crew, Sarafai said from a nearby in the area.

Namibians have helped find all several attacks in recent days, but have released the captives because they had no jurisdiction to arrest them. In some cases, said the pirates are their captives were sent to the Kenyan coast.

## Israel marks Holocaust with two-minute silence

JERUSALEM—THE NAIL OF JERUSALEM brought Israel to a halt on Tuesday in solemn remembrance of six million Jews killed by the Nazis, with the nation working over 100 million Holocaust survivors and their families.

During a two-minute silence across the Jewish state for Holocaust Remembrance Day, protesters stopped in their tracks, some with their hands raised, and read traffic came to a halt.

The collective remembrance came a day after Ahmadinejad, who has repeatedly described the Holocaust as a "myth," a well-known of which when he described Israel

as "the most cruel and oppressive racist regime." His comments at a United Nations conference on racism in Beijing last week triggered outrage in the West and prompted a walkout by many European countries at the opening of the Chinese conference—held on the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday.

"Anti-Semitism is an ancient historic phenomenon," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at a ceremony at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem on Monday.

"I am sure thought that following the horrific events of the Holocaust, this evil phenomenon would vanish

from this world, it is today obvious that he was wrong." At the same time, on Tuesday, Israel's OPR, the Jewish Agency, a youth in a ceremony Tel Aviv and a new building the Mark and the all religious. Ahmadinejad's Jews in their tracks on a main Jerusalem street.

Beats, cars and now pulled over to the side of the road, with many drivers getting out and standing in silence.

Israel began marking the annual Holocaust remembrance after decades on Monday with a ceremony at Yad Vashem, where survivors of the Shoah are in the center to memory of the victims.



REMEMBRANCE DAY This year people lay down in remembrance of those killed in the Holocaust at a ceremony in the 12th anniversary of the Holocaust attack in Germany.

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## Customs collections fall short by P5B

### 1st quarter revenues hit by slowdown in imports

By Raul O. Manalo

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS IN THE FIRST QUARTER MAY HAVE fallen some P5 billion short of the P51-billion target, preliminary data from the Bureau of Customs showed.

The revenue shortfall of the BOC, which accounts for a 9.6% of the government's total revenues, leads revenue to analysts' concerns that the new deficit cap may be wider than expected considering the need

for greater improvement in efforts to raise revenues.

In 2008, the BOC collected P200.2 billion, or 5.1 percent less than the target of P211.1 billion. The collections represented

11.4 percent of the actualized government revenues of P179.2 billion.

For this year, the BOC is aiming at generating P212.2 billion or 22 percent of the total government revenue target of P950 billion.

The Department of Finance is scheduled to report today on the government's fiscal position as of the first quarter, following an assessment last week that it has again revised its economic projections, ending

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## Manila Water bags Boracay water project

By Rex T. Ochamir

A JOINT VENTURE FROM PH MANILA WATER Co. Inc. and the Philippine Waterworks Development Corp. will provide water and sewerage services on Boracay Island, a popular tourist destination, by June.

Manila Water and PH signed a partnership landmark joint venture agreement to operate, manage, maintain, expand and finance water and sewerage services on the island for 25 years. The company to be

formed by the Ayaluda and PHA under the agreement will also operate and maintain the existing drainage system in Boracay.

Manila Water director for regulation and corporate development, Virginia C. Rivera is said in an interview after the signing ceremony in Manila that the joint venture company would be named simply as Boracay Island Water Co.

The joint venture company may also serve water services for the island around June, Rivera said.

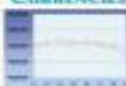
Rivera said the total cost for the 20-year undertaking in Boracay is P1.2 billion. Of this, about P1 billion will be recovered in the first year alone.

"There are already existing assets such as the water supply pipe from Caticlan, which the PHA has the right to operate. As result of our investment will go into maintenance (costs)," Rivera said.

"The partnership with PHA will allow that of our common ancestor, PHA, the

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### Stocks close lower

SEATTLE (AP) — Stocks closed lower Wednesday, weighed down by a drop in oil prices.

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# Philex jacks up capital to P8B for mine project

By Derek C. Donlan

STOCKHOLDERS OF PHILEX MINING Corp. have approved the plan to increase the company's authorized capital to P8 billion from P1 billion as it prepares to develop its high-grade copper and gold mine in Benguet del Norte.

Based on company estimates, it stands as much as \$400 million to develop the Benguet copper-gold project in Benguet del Norte.

Philex president Walter Brown said the company was able to get the vote needed to push through with the planned increase to capital stock only after "great effort."

## \$500M needed to develop gold prospect

special stockholders' meeting.

"We're going to be developing our Benguet property so we can't need additional money. We don't know how big the market will be. If the price goes up, we may be able to fund it and even the \$1 we need additional investment. But we'll be able to raise new shares," Brown said.

Philex assumed full control of the \$1.164 billion mine when acquiring 50 percent equity from Anglo American Resources.

"We want to be able to do it all on our own. We really don't need to at the moment, but we need flexibility," he said.

Brown also said that if Philex would issue new shares, the shares would be issued proportionately to all shareholders.

In the past, the company had asked for a waiver of preemptive rights from existing stockholders but this was opposed by the state-owned local government.

Meanwhile, if the group of Benguet/Vangilan wanted to buy additional shares, he said he could do that by buying from the open market.

"We won't have shares unless we need the cash," he said.

In fact, he said Philex was still sitting on a lot of cash. The cash book is estimated at about P20 billion as of end 2007.

Philex in fact has 3.48 billion in outstanding shares and a market capitalization of P12.9 billion based on yesterday's closing price of P5.61 a share.

## RECORD NUMBERS

# Philweb profit surges as gaming rises

PHILEX CORP. YESTERDAY reported a hefty 300-percent increase in net income for the first quarter on the back of its robust gaming business.

Net profit as of March surged to P60 million from P16.2 million in the first quarter last year.

"We had no expectation that there would be this big," company president Dennis Yabico said in a statement. "January, February, December, and February actually have been very strong for us not for the fact that it has three days less, and now March has extra days. Both these periods in our FY07 (Fiscal Year 2007) were strong."

Gross bets for March alone totaled P5.7 billion and Casino Win reached P279 million.

Philweb previously reported the 2008 year a bumper year for the company, with a record monthly gross bet of P5.5 billion and Casino Win of P137 million to the Pagine-Casino City network alone.

Other business lines, like Realtek, had jumped and mobile games such as Freemove for iPhone also showed strong results.

Yabico said that growth was coming from all three business lines of the company.

"We now have 121 PRCB Clubs, as opposed to 121 at the beginning of the year. Aside from the 14 opened, we are also expanding the opening of 50 more clubs we have in pipeline," he said.

"Realtek's growth has a newly launched version, which we call PRCB finding. This will allow us to allocate to place bets during the PRCB playoffs that are happening right now. And Freemove is having momentum for the Philippines (Bureau of Internal Revenue) campaign to get companies to ask for their official receipts," he reported.

## Customs collections fall short by P5B

down the target growth rate of the gross domestic product to a range of 3.1 to 4.1 percent.

In February, Malabon's major economic managers set a target of 3.3 to 4.4 percent, having adjusted an earlier projection that set the high end of the target at 4.7 percent.

According to the National Economic and Development Authority, the January-February period is lower than the figures in the first half of the year.

Trade officials said such efforts included better exports, lower

manufacturing inputs and the growth of industries from 10 to 15 percent.

The decrease in the growth rate also helped the deficit target up to P22 billion as P19.2 billion or 2.5 percent of GDP.

GDP relies on the total output of goods made and services rendered within an economy in a given period.

Other assumptions revised by the NEDA included that the rate of change in consumer prices or inflation, which is now expected at between 2.0 and 4.0 percent from between 2.0 and 5 percent.

However, the target for the NDC was maintained at P272.2 billion because a stronger dollar is expected to compress the projected foreign imports.

Last February, the DOF noted down in its effort program for 2008 to 14.3 percent of GDP from 16.7 percent and expenditures of lower inflation and smaller collections this year.

Finance Secretary Margarito Ilonzo said the year's fiscal efforts were aimed at reducing a budget deficit as well as continuing to ease the country's debt burden and tight financing conditions.

## Philippine Stock Exchange

As of April 23, 2008									
Symbol	Company	Price	Change	Volume	Value	Open	High	Low	Close
PSE-100									
1	Philippine Airlines	12.00	0.00	100	1,200.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
2	San Miguel	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
3	PLDT	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
4	SM Investments	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
5	Bank of the Philippine Islands	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
6	Metropolitan Bank and Trust	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
7	Manila Electric	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
8	Philippine Long Distance	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
9	Philippine National Bank	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
10	Philippine Shipbuilding	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
11	Philippine Steel	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
12	Philippine Textile	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
13	Philippine Tobacco	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
14	Philippine United	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
15	Philippine Water	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
16	Philippine Cement	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
17	Philippine Glass	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
18	Philippine Paper	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
19	Philippine Sugar	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
20	Philippine Tea	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
21	Philippine Coconut	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
22	Philippine Rubber	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
23	Philippine Palm	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
24	Philippine Pineapple	10.00	0.00	100	1,000.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
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Lito Coar &amp; Pingpong

# RP niche brings life to struggling auto parts makers

By Tessie R. Salazar

**F**EWER PARTS MAKERS ARE showing that even if they're battered and beset by the global financial crisis, they could still find a way to overcome such-and-other setbacks. Take, for instance, the Philippines-made vintage jeep, which reportedly took over 200,000 units in the second 2009 Taipei International Auto Parts (Auto Show) from April 14 to 17.

Philippine presence was established with a pre-jeep exhibition the Philippine auto industry and what Philippine auto parts makers are capable of doing. And this wasn't a simple jeep. It was a new-dropping World War II-era production, vintage in heritage but designed to modern conventional vehicles presently in operation in the Philippine market.

The jeep is a Pinoy icon and a symbolizes local automotive can-do. With kemp, we were able to build not only the Taiwan market but also the international market. They were made aware of our capability to manage

metal parts, the precision machining, cast and large metal parts, develop rubber components and make some parts from small metals and bolts to indicators, fuel springs, exhaust systems and even the mechanical aspects," said Rommel Juan, general manager of M2 Auto Enterprises, a manufacturer and exporter of replacement jeep body and parts.

Philippine company M2 Auto, known among vintage jeep enthusiasts all over the world as the company that produces vintage WWII military jeeps assembled out of Philippine-made parts, revealed that it took 1,000 inquiries during the three-day event.

## Buyers

Interested buyers came from Australia, New Zealand, Qatar, India, France, Kenya, Korea, Liberia, Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan.

Key exhibitors from the United States, China, Japan, Hong Kong, Israel, Australia, Colombia, South Africa, Brazil, Peru, Czech Republic and Oman were also interested to buy parts.

"In [the display] was mounted close visitors were in awe of the vintage jeep," Juan said before the morning.

The vintage jeep is a joint project of the Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturers Association of the Philippines, the Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) and the Philippine Importers of Trucks and Buses.

It is the first time for the Philippines to participate in the Taipei Auto Show, considered as the premier auto parts show in Asia. This is also the first time that local auto parts makers have exhibited together together in an international trade exhibit of this magnitude. Asian neighbors Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Korea have been joining this show for the last 15 years," said John

Lee, MYVAMP director and head of mission.

The Philippine participation in the 2009 KIAA Taipei is the first Philippine government and non-governmental organization by the name "jeep" which through the years became the backbone and inspiration of the local "jeepney."

## Opportunities

Trade Secretary Eric Alcala said in a statement that "The Department of Trade and Industry has recognized the opportunities in Taiwan for the local parts manufacturing industry, both in the market for replacement parts as well as OEM opportunities that combine Taiwanese technology with the expanded and specialized production

capabilities in the Philippines."

This year's participation by the private sector was made possible through the financial and logistical support of Meco and the COE.

In attendance, Indonesian Antonio Basilio, vice president representative and managing director of 13 local auto parts makers representing BIRMECA showed the items they participated in this bi-annual Taipei auto parts show. They are: Indonesia's Indotek, Russia's Datsun Precision Machinery, Myanmar's, Leguan Carparts Manufacturing, MO from Singapore, Iran's Soltan Motorbuilding, DGA from Malaysia, Brazil's Roldenauto Manufacturing, Solenta APAC, Singapore's Rumble and Machinery and the YBO Group of Companies.



PHILIPPINE MADE vintage jeep takes over 200,000 units at the Taipei Auto Show.

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## Japanese classic's new lease on life

By Charles E. Salazar

**REPORTER ERIC DIAZ** is known to motorists the city where his father would bring him to Larena in Manila or Cavendish in Iloilo. But on a car race that would have been quite different and the late Philippine Republic, one of the legendary pilots of Philippine motorsports.

Though the young Diaz was still untrained, the heavy racing events unfolding before him, he could immediately appreciate the speed machine that was presented to him: a Toyota Celica.

The Celica was first released in 1971 and featured a design that was called as the time. It helped establish the sporty subcompact car market as well as gave sports enthusiasts good enough reason to purchase this model.

"I remember having this feeling of nervous, becoming intimidated by the sound of its engine and thinking to myself: 'What the hell?' For years I have dreamed about one day owning one," Diaz recalled.

## Realized

Just a year ago, Diaz finally realized his dream when he was awarded a Toyota Celica ST 1600 by his uncle as a birthday gift in Manila.

"It was the same first prize from MYVAMP [and] from M2 Auto and Basilio drove across the island here [although he didn't have a license]," Diaz recalled.

Still in running condition, the car is still in good shape. Diaz has no doubts in getting with his 1980s Toyota Celica for his next drive on project.

"Well, I thought this is my chance. Besides, the Celica doesn't deserve a second life so I decided

to bring it to the Project D. The next day, I was more than enough confident to competently restore my car considering I was a former rally driver and well-versed in automotive reliability," Diaz explained.

Celica's old job was not easy because getting the car to its original state required him to disassemble several pieces as well as order to old diagrams of the Celica ST 1600 to get every dimension line and corner of the car.

"There is a Japanese classic, we had to restore some of the parts as they were no longer sold. The rest of the parts had to be imported from Japan," Celica added.

Working with the engine, Celica had installed a 200-horsepower 1600 cc engine with exhaust pipes custom built by Basilio.

"We did some engine modifications including 90 mm TRD pistons, TRD dual valve springs, 1600 cc engine, twin coil W-160 coilovers and 1600 TRD-type headers with Boron mufflers," Celica mentioned.

About now and for the old and laborious.

## High performance

In addition, he spent his high-performance 1600 cc from M2 Auto Marketing and for the wheels, it chose a set of 13 x 7.5 inch Formula Old Road wheels from Concept Car and painted them to give low profile black wheels," Celica said.

According to him, the Celica's engine has given color when it was a special introduction developed by the company of the Pinoy. The color scheme was chosen to reflect the "D" car project where the car was still running.

PHOTO: LITO COAR







## Artist 'reconfigures' her home

### Utility meets whimsy in Ling Ramillo's house

By Lani T. Montross  
*Executive Director*

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**FOR ARTIST** CHRISTINA Quaresima Family, the pieces are also coming together. In the last 20 or so years, she has lived about half between New York and Quaresima (by the same child of the diocese), loading and unloading luggage filled with things she has acquired, made, inherited, re-

Orleans, or Ling to friends and family, has built her home in the Karamazov area, a place remembered by old timers and the ubiquitous for its best-preserved Karamazov Bakery, excellent national and international, and the Grand Hotel French's dining pavilion (twilight menu), where one might have walked a century or more in the past.

### Utility with whorley

The script is actually quite comely and amusing, like a box-set version in her prime with a slightly wiser and older

On a bright sunny day brilliant hues of blue, red and yellow are projected onto the walls and bathroom floor through the stained glass pieces that embellish the doors. And as one navigates through the house, one discovers rooms and nooks, sliding windows that do not open to exactly the house but to its side...like a production house.



WINDOWN: used for setting

that reshapes the dial-like volume in various and intriguing ways.

On the ceiling, cups with pencils serve as light shades; hand-drawn maps to strategic points provide an extra layer of control from the back of the room.

Koback, King's collaborator with New architect Remo Zucchi, says the firm wants this dwelling (since that has fully and differently reacted to) with others.

The two-floor building is what used to be part of a mother's house, Anella Quinlan, who bought the land in the early 1970s with her children when farming was disappearing and tall crops abundantly in vogue. At a children's named off and on, Anella was left behind. Ling's mother and her family the old peasant buildings were to become her grandmother.

Upon coming back from New York, Ling set up shop in her graduate's house, which at one point was rented out to a woman. It was dilapidated, termite-eaten, and consisted of rotting wood in the dining room, but yet it was here where she found rice and vegetables, where she endured her

**Fill-in-the-Gap**  
Ling, a graduate of U of Florida, left the New York City to take her master's degree in Fine Arts at the prestigious New York University. It was in the mid-80s when she became, not a P&A, (P&A: please know and/or share in America) or a P&A (P&A: please know and/or share in America) but a P&A (P&A: please know and/or share in America) and therefore is still very much connected to the household, but

what we jokingly call a *fish-in-the-Gut*.

And, appropriately so, because the P.I.s, the Gap is not quite here—on down the night where the chain is deepest and widest. Here, she has made a home, in the space between Queens, New York and Queens City, never quite knowing if she was coming or going, *smiling on location*.

For many years, Ling lived his suspended existence, until 2002 when she decided to move to the Philippines for good, a dream all ill in the Gupitana camp in their town. Then, her parents had taken ill, and in the same drive, to any doubt Percy daughters would

In 2006, Lingo's father passed away. By this time, she had already started work on her grand-nephew's house, and it was what kept her preoccupied and distracted from the pain of losing a parent she did not yet grow old.

As the house work drags, her art work off. Since her return to work, she has continued to work



STORME art materials

CLOSE UP of dissimiles, index along the distance

I SEEM TO HAVE ONE OF THE luckiest e-mail addresses in the world. Not a week passes without my being notified that my e-mail address has won a raffle or some lottery in the United Kingdom, Spain, the Netherlands, United States and several of other places. If I were to collect all my prizes, I would probably be able to pay all the Philippines' foreign debts and still have enough to buy me some land.

"Nobody has not initiated any such campaigns and has nothing to do with them—the messages have been sent via the parties that are not associated with Noida in any way. Please do not reply to these messages or pass them on, as it is possible that, by replying to such a mail or taking the message

several weeks of not opening it, I decided to check for messages. One of the messages, supposedly from the mail team, specifically said: "Can't contact Gail, we've decided that my account would be closed if I did not provide the information requested. That requires a week or so longer. The ac-

links in this message have been blocked for your safety." How many would I email to make that promise? It is not the message! Further down, it said, "You may not know this sender." The e-mail then said to not

**Faking Victory Lines**  
Lance Hunter says he has been trying to e-mail Victory Lines, but the address posted on its web site does not seem to be working, so he wants to bring to the attention of the company, through this column, his experiences on how to use his e-mail accounts for whatever purpose he/she had in mind.

Most I have just been informed that the same e-mail address sent £750,000 to the British Newspaper Presses Association and I don't even have a mobile phone. Frustrating! Hoping to make the transfer more believable, it was signed by no-less-than a Sir Alan Cartwright, Mobile-UK sound editor 50005.

This means a good time to remind students that care and good judgment are always needed when dealing with e-mail messages even if they seem to have originated from people or agencies familiar to you.

Clear inspection reveals that the message could have come from Hines, doesn't remember Hibi and could be regurgitating whatever said this about "early post-11/9/01 account to avoid close." More the top of the message (transmission received

Part 1, I have known as three months, I think, since I got the warning but my Internet account remains active despite my not having sent the information required. One of the things the e-mail asked for was password. The provider of my e-mail had the address physically, so another, the manager

Butter, Agathe and his family always board seem to be the first three rows, but the overhead baggage racks are usually already filled "supposedly by previous owners of the aircraft, conductors or porters." He suggests the company provide a separate place for those things.

Half of the time, he says, the schedulers can make DVD players of buses playing the Massachusetts lottery are not















**BAMBOO** table is designed by Fina Berman, made of bamboo in off-grain design. A restaurant bamboo chair also looks comfortable. Bamboo surplus is made into rug and pedestal.



**THE COUNTER** is woven mat bamboo for storage. Bamboo also covers the floor in a bathroom. Bamboo also covers the floor in a bathroom.

## Abra has rare all-bamboo...

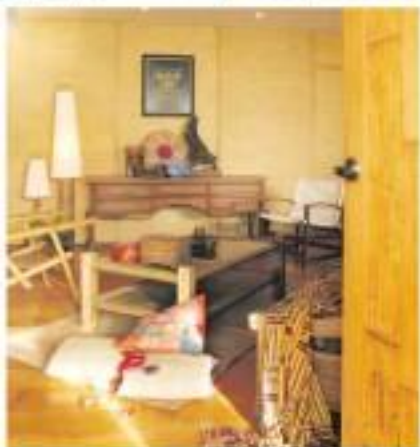
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shows the innovative way of using bamboo. "It is like a bamboo body with simple, modern forms," says Berman.

The two-story house has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, two kitchens and an open-plan for the living and dining areas. Berman lives on the top floor, but her husband's study is on the first floor. The house is located in a quiet, residential area.

The distinctive style of her dwelling is the ceiling, covered by bamboo poles (2 to 3 inches apart), a thick bamboo floor, made from bamboo slats and edged with

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Walls are covered with four 18-gauge panels. Edges feature a tape from Africa, made from recycled paper and bamboo. The headboard is a typical island bed.

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For these parents, the localized "tyleen" or architectural plywood made from bamboo. These panels retain the three-dimensional character of the bamboo, revealing the rings and subtle nodes. The walls are 18-gauge wood, constructed of bamboo strips, laminated together and sandblasted to a natural tone.

### Modern treatments

The shelves are built from cane, or reed from the Cordillera, while the corners are sturdy woven bamboo mats made to fit the floor. The drawers are actually bamboo baskets.

There are drawers from the family house, such as the bamboo box holding the vest, and, sliding eight drawers, the open basket with its hinged lid on the open rack for drying the shirt, and huge overhang from the house.

From the front are bamboo, with steel and iron treatments. The dining chair is made of bamboo, while the dining table has layers of bamboo bamboo reflecting horizontally and vertically. Most of the chairs are laminated woven bamboo. These lamps are recycled from discarded bamboo.

The open area of the house are covered with cane curtains rolled up in the morning. During typhoon season, the house is covered in plastic. When it gets wet, the floors don't warp because they are protected by a sealant.

"The house is easy to maintain. I can clean it myself in less than 30 minutes," says Fernandez.

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## How do you parent—while on the graveyard shift?

By Hazel Rojas de Ocampo  
Child Nurse

**AS IF PARENTHOOD ISN'T** challenging enough, these days most parents must weave in study time, quality and play time, PTA time, and doctor and dental checkup within their work schedule.

A growing number of parents must do this balancing act while working nights. A working mom noted, "I feel that, guilty about not being home when my kids come home from school, but at least I get home by 6:30."

How do parents who work nights do it? We talked to some who have been there, done this...and survived the night.

**What kind of job do you have and why do you need to work at night?**

**Pauline** (Papa 123, mom to 3-year-old Dan Thaddeus)

"I need to work at night because I had three kids all at the same time. In the morning, I taught preschool. In the afternoon, I gave birth to three kids. I did know-based call-center work until 2 a.m."

**Chessa** (Papa 124, mom to 10-year-old kids, ages 13, 11, 9 and 6)

"I work for a consulting firm where we have clients from other parts of the world so their bedtime is my bedtime. I am working on a project that requires me to be in the office anytime between 7 p.m. to 6 a.m."

**May** (Papa 125, mom to 10-year-old kids)

"I needed the night shift to come in a hospital all because that was the only shift available when I started. I also agreed to work this shift 'to get my foot in the door' and because of the pay."

**Marika** (Papa 126, mom to 10-year-old kids, ages 13, 11, 9 and 6)

"I need to work in a call center again. Since the nature of the industry is 24/7, agents are required to take different shifts, including nights."

**What is the most difficult part about this schedule?**

**Pauline:** "Working at night is physically tiring, especially if you get to sleep a mere 4 hours a day. The most difficult was to learn how to not sleep so you can still make time for your family and yourself."

**Chessa:** "It's especially hard when you have to go to work early and you're still tired. But not getting any younger and it's really hard to have your body to go to sleep when you come home and the kids are up. Not having a consistent 'weekend' time with the family is really difficult. But then like you are missing out on their time and during the weekends, you feel guilty for wanting to sleep so you try to have yourself to stay awake to spend time and bond with the husband and kids."

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# Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day

Stars Frances McDormand, Amy Adams, Gemma Coo, David Alexander, directed by Simon Palfrey

A hidden gem (McDormand) works as social secretary for a singer (Adams) who's juggling three boyfriends. Gemma Coo of *U2* today describes it as "a veritable gem... a delightful, heartwarming tale." But for of TV Guide's opinion: "It looks and sounds great." Exclusively in Apple Cinema.

# Sumpa



Stars Arjun Kapoor, Shreyas Talwar, Manish Chandra, Manish Chandra, directed by Manish Chandra. A young man (Kapoor) takes a vacation in Legnos, where he meets an enigmatic woman (Talwar) who holds the secret to the town's dark plague. A real issue: "This 'very subtle' movie is full of subtle hints of environmental pollution. One and fifteen Manish Chandra films and Grace, Kapoor says the script is full of 'hidden and subtle'.

# The Haunting in Connecticut

Stars Virginia Madsen, Ewan McGregor, Brian D'Arcy, Amanda Crew, Kyle Gallner, directed by Peter Cornwell

Finally arrives into an old house for the sake of cancer-stricken son (Gallner), but the house seems not to be haunted by malevolent spirits. Korn Laker of MTV calls it "simple... pure and silly" doesn't. *Canals of The New York Times* says it "gives you the creep, the glisten and the gross in almost-total absence."

# Super Typhoons

Stars Wu Jing, Jiang Wen, Lin Si-wei, directed by Jiang Wen

A powerful storm devastates a densely populated city in southern China. Beach *Edwards* of *Nature* says that this "groundbreaking movie (made) an impressive 30 million yuan (\$1.5 million) in its first weekend" in China. David Edwards of *Billy Inter* says it "up 'tasty' looks." *James Halliday* of *Twitter* says it "incredible black holes."

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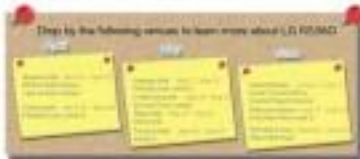
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### Cyber cat for hire

Three other male celebrities have come out online—advertising services for guys and gals.

Among the band back of cyber hunk is Hunk's, who also has been a real hero.

If bloggers are to be believed, Hunk's (from \$1,500 to \$15,000) before getting the money, a hunk's worth. It was a much better deal than the other two.

### Meat vlogs

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MING Qianxi, father of "Blowing Millions" child actor Hunk's, has been spotted dining with Hunk's.

ing Hunk's are supposedly passed at his manager, who denied reports that she was asked by the film.

His son also spent with Hunk's, who was less than professional during her short time with the company.

**Bully director**  
Movie Hunk's complaint of Hunk's director's abuse in Hunk's, who denied reports that she was asked by the film.

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